

President Inaugurated

By KATY BURNELL
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Barely visible between tubs of ice, towers of folding chairs, and a chest-high stack of Coca-Cola six packs, an exhausted Lisa Vickers lowers herself to the curb outside of Monroe hall.

Dozens of Vickers' co-workers for Sodexo were darting around her, loading empty trays and crates onto a van, but Lisa needed a break.

"I've never had to deal with so many people before, this is insane," Vickers said. "I've only been working here for like a month."

For the past two hours the Fredericksburg local had been helping fellow dining services employees serve lunch to a crowd of 1,700 students, parents, faculty and staff on Palmieri Plaza in honor of President William J. Frawley's inauguration earlier that morning.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, a crowd of 2,500 people gathered in Ball Circle for Frawley's inaugural ceremony; the anchoring event of a five-day-long celebration that cost the school \$100,000, according to the event's planner, Ranny Corbin.

Representatives from 75 colleges and universities as well as local and state-level politicians joined UMW students and faculty, braving overcast skies to celebrate the official induction of Dr. William J. Frawley as the University's seventh president.

After thanking high-profile guests Gov. Tim Kaine and Mayor Tom Tomzak for their opening remarks, Frawley delivered his first public speech as president, emphasizing the significance of the moment both for himself, and for the University.

"Having been offered the opportunity to lead the institution at this crucial convergent moment leaves me with both excitement and a little bit of stage fright," Frawley said.

He went on to share some of the challenges that he faces in his new position.

"In such a world, what can a university—that great, trudging, glacially moving institution that also, paradoxically, runs at the

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Dan Cew/Bullet

'In The House': William J. Frawley was inducted as the University of Mary Washington's seventh president on Sept. 30. Representatives from 75 colleges and universities as well as local and state-level politicians attended the ceremony, which drew a crowd of 2,500 to Ball Circle.

Professor Wins Merit Certificate

By LAUREN BIRNEY
Staff Writer

This September the University of Mary Washington gained a boost to its academic reputation with the news of another faculty honor.

German associate professor Vera Niebuhr was presented with a certificate of merit by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) for her outstanding achievement in the furthering of German education.

Niebuhr was nominated by members of the Virginia AATG chapter, and then selected by a

panel of AATG and Goethe-Institute members to be one of the nine recipients this year.

Niebuhr, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, began teaching at Mary Washington in 1977. A German native who immigrated to the U.S. as a child, Niebuhr has always been interested in the differences between English and German, as well as the cultural impact on language.

Niebuhr teaches classes at all levels of German for the University, stating that she particularly enjoys teaching "because it gives me the opportunity to interact with students and

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Poker Profits

By JENICA SEMLER
Staff Writer

On Oct. 2, Students Helping Honduras (SHH), a non-profit organization founded by senior Shin Fujiyama, held a poker tournament in Great Hall to raise money for Coprome orphanage in El Progreso, Honduras.

The event was sponsored by the Student Government Organization (SGA) as a part of the University's Homecoming week. The SGA, provided refreshments and numerous prizes for the event.

Monday's tournament raised \$415 for Coprome. The name of the game was Texas Hold 'Em, buy-ins were \$5, and anyone could play, regardless of experience.

It was held in an open house format with people coming and going throughout the night.

However, it could work to one's advantage to stay and play the whole six hours and collect more chips. The winner of the tournament, sophomore Jason Sargent, did just that.

"I got out of class at 4 and came straight here," Sargent said.

Sargent is a transfer student who found his niche with poker when he moved to Fredericksburg in June of this year. "There's poker at just about any bar any night," Sargent said. "I didn't know anyone in town and that kept me busy."

Sargent chose the iPod Nano as his prize. Sophomore Court Crenshaw came in second place and received a \$100 gift card. Junior Tom Hayden placed third and walked away with a poker table top and poker set.

During the peak of the night there were

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Former Ambassador Speaks On Middle East

By ELIZABETH PHELPS
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As the rain poured down outside of the University of Mary Washington's Dodd Auditorium last Thursday, former Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm clicked through picture after picture of the desert countries surrounding Iraq for the drenched audience.

"They all look the same," he said. "That's what it's like."

Gnehm, a former ambassador to Kuwait, Australia, and most recently the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, visited UMW last Thursday to give a speech about the Middle East, his specialty, and as a special event in honor of UMW President William Frawley's inauguration.

The two men knew each other from working together at George Washington University, where Gnehm is currently a Kuwait professor of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula affairs at the Elliott School

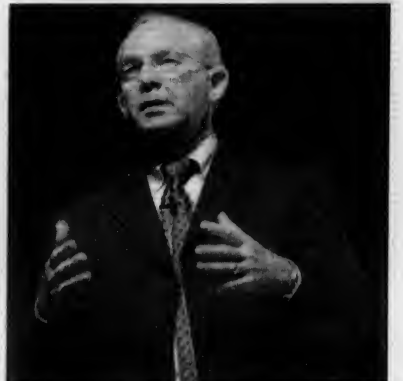
of International Affairs. Before beginning his prepared speech, Gnehm praised UMW's new president.

"You've got one of the great men of the nation as president," he said. "[Frawley] is a man of tomorrow."

Frawley, his wife Maria Frawley, several UMW faculty members, a large group of students and other members of the Fredericksburg community made up the crowd of over 100 that watched as Gnehm, who has received numerous awards—including, most recently, the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award in 2004 from former Secretary of State Colin Powell for his work in Jordan—delivered his speech, "Iraq—a View from the Neighborhood."

After his initial slide presentation, Gnehm offered the crowd a primer on the nations of the Middle East, describing the relationships that Turkey, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Syria each have with the neighboring Iraq, and the ways in which they interact with

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Dan Cew/Bullet

Edward Gnehm gave a speech titled "Iraq—a View from the Neighborhood" last Thursday as part of the week-long celebration of Frawley's inauguration.

5 Day Forecast



TODAY

Few Showers

High: 70

Low: 53



FRIDAY

Rain/ Wind

High: 58

Low: 48



SATURDAY

Showers

High: 59

Low: 52



SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 73

Low: 56



MONDAY

Few Showers

High: 77

Low: 58

Verbatim ...

"...It was terrifying. They were like a foot in front of our faces, screaming for us to stop, and we just kept playing."

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News Shorts

NATION

Two American astronomers have won the Nobel Prize for Physics. Josh Mather of NASA and George Smoot at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory at the University of California led a team of researchers who discovered evidence of the origin of the universe and the development of galaxies. According to Smoot, "if you are religious, it is looking at God."
—*Nytimes.com*

Stockton, Calif.: President Bush said on a campaign stop that the Democratic Party should not be trusted to lead the U.S. Congress. "If you listen closely to some of the leaders of the Democratic Party, it sounds like—it sounds like—they think the best way to protect the American people is, wait until we're attacked again," Bush said.
—*Cnn.com*

Lancaster County, Penn.: Police say Charles Carl Roberts IV opened fire in an Amish schoolhouse Monday killing five girls and critically wounded five others before turning the gun on himself. Police report that in a note left for his wife, Roberts said that he molested relatives over 20 years ago, and that he was dreaming of molesting again. This was the nation's third school shooting in a week, following killings in Colorado and Wisconsin.
—*Cnn.com*

WORLD

United Nations: After North Korea's announcement on Tuesday that it is planning on conducting a nuclear test, the world powers called out for "restraint." The United States, China, Japan, the Koreans and Russia are all set for talks within the UN Security Council to deal with the situation. US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that a test by North Korea would be seen as a "very provocative act."
—*Cnn.com*

Baghdad: Eight U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in Iraq's capital, bringing the US death toll since Saturday to 17. This loss was considered one of the highest nationwide death tolls for U.S. troops in the last year. According to the Associated Press, 51 civilians were killed on Tuesday.
—*Nytimes.com*

Rome: A Turkish man hijacked a Turkish Airlines jet Tuesday and demanded that he be allowed to communicate with the Pope. Hakan Ekinci, 28, is a recent convert to Christianity and threatened to crash the plane, though the relation between the message for the Pope and the hijacking remain uncertain. All passengers and crew deplaned safely after an emergency landing. The Vatican had no official comment.
—*Nytimes.com*

WEIRD

Tulsa, Okla.: Taylor Hanson, 23, best known as the middle brother and lead singer of the musical group, Hanson, and his wife have just announced the birth of their third child, River Samuel Hanson. River joins siblings Jordan Ezra, 3, and Penelope Anne, 1. Brothers Isaac, 26, and Zac, 20, both got married this year.
—*People.com*

Jay, Okla.: Authorities have arrested Larry Clinton Harper, 64, for hiding crystal meth in his prosthetic leg. Harper had allegedly been selling drugs out of his business, Harper's Used Cars and Body Shop, and police are said to have found the substance in a sock within the prosthetic limb.
—*AP*

Hammond, Ind.: A man has been charged with trying to bomb his neighbor's house in retribution for his wife's broken glasses. David Michelsen, 27, blamed his neighbor's children for breaking his wife's glasses and placed a lit homemade explosive device beside the house. If convicted of the charges against him, Michelsen would face 58 years in prison.
—*AP*

Frawley Sworn In

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speed of light—possibly do," he said. Rain clouds were not the only thing to draw wandering eyes skywards during Frawley's speech: the appearance of three unanticipated guests would also be a source of distraction. The hawks were beyond event coordinator Ranny Corbin's control, but she says she was still satisfied with how the five-day-long inaugural festivities unfolded, especially considering the fact that neither she nor any of her co-planners had ever been to an inauguration before, much less planned one.

"None of us had any experience," Corbin said. "We could re-write the book now." Corbin says she literally "went by the book," or at least by the CASE book, on this project. "Presidential Inaugurations: Planning for More than Pomp and Circumstance," an event planner published by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, provided UMW's inaugural steering committee with guidelines for everything from poster-making to catering. The planner places an emphasis on "integrating multiple inaugural events," which is exactly what the inaugural planners did.

The inaugural celebration officially began in Dodd auditorium Wednesday night, Sept. 27 with a performance by the UMW symphony orchestra, but Corbin said that planning for the festivities began over five months ago. "You can make it as simple or elaborate as you want to," she said. "Some big universities spend as much as...\$500,000 on inaugurations." Corbin, who also serves as President Frawley's executive assistant, said that Frawley warned his event planners not to go overboard. "We tried to be very tasteful. It sounds like a lot of money to spend, but \$100,000 for the first time [we've had an inauguration] in 23 years," Corbin said. I think its money well spent."

Catering costs topped the list of inaugural expenditures, according to Corbin. Kori Koenig, UMW dining's director of operations, said that she had to bus in additional servers from other schools to help cater the events. Twelve out of 17 temporary servers came to UMW on Friday night from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Liberty students helped cater the smaller, less expensive of two luncheons held after the

inauguration dining services. Production manager Pam Greenfield said she ordered 60 lbs. of crabmeat, 380 chicken breasts and 450 pies for the invite-only meal, which took place in Great Hall.

President Frawley cleared his lunch plate after the inauguration.

"I had some chicken, some crab, some of

In the process of selecting her second dessert, Lane said she had shared a lunch table with two UMW professors, and the president of Mary Baldwin, another Virginia school.

"JMU's president had a conflict, so he asked me to come down for him," Lane said. "I'm glad I did. The directions were a little screwy, but everything else about today has been lovely."

Lane said that her day was made when a UMW golf cart arrived to pick her up from the parking garage. "It was so unexpected," she said. "What a nice touch."

The golf-cart service was provided by facilities services, who rented six carts to supplement UMW's numbers, according to Corbin.

Campus policeman Lt. David Cooper coordinated the security efforts for the inauguration alongside Ruth Lovelace, UMW's director of environmental health and safety.

Cooper personally guarded the entrance to Virginia Hall's roof during the inaugural ceremony, to ensure that no students would interrupt the two photographers who had received special permission to set up there.

Campus police worked in conjunction with Virginia State Police to coordinate Gov. Tim Kaine's entry and exit from campus. As a function of those arrangements a female UMW student stood guard over Gov. Kaine's vehicle in its designated space in the back of the new parking garage throughout the morning, Cooper said.

The parking garage was the site of the only incident that campus police responded over the weekend. According to Cooper, it was a minor incident involving a single vehicle that struck one of the concrete columns while going around a corner.

"It put a nice dent on the side of the car, but it didn't compromise the integrity of the structure," Cooper said. "The parking deck won."

Cooper said he was grateful that he was not assigned to the inaugural ball Saturday night.

"Thank goodness I got to go home at two. I'd been here since 6 a.m.," Cooper said.

He added that although there was an open bar, the ball went off without a hitch.

"Either they drank responsibly, or they held their liquor real well," he said. "Either way they didn't bother us."



Professors looked on last Saturday as William Frawley was inaugurated as the seventh president of UMW.

everything," Frawley said. "Then I got to walk around and talk to friends that I hadn't seen in ten years."

Most of the 380 guests invited to Frawley's private luncheon followed the new president's example: only five chicken breasts and a tray of small pies were left over in the food prep room after the last plate had been collected.

Invitations to the Woodard luncheon were extended to professors, friends, family, politicians and academic representatives from colleges and universities all over the world. According to Ranny Corbin, UMW invited delegates from 373 schools to attend and 75 showed up.

One of these academic representatives was Meta Lane, a member of James Madison University's alumni board.

Meta Lane and her guest said they thoroughly enjoyed the Woodard luncheon, but that did not prevent them from stopping at the Circle-K club's bake sale stand set up outside of the campus center.

Business-savvy juniors Milan Nguyen and Susan Sherwood were peddling homemade chocolate-chip cookies, cinnamon streusel, fudge brownies and Costco danishes to inaugural guests all afternoon.

AATG Recognizes Niebuhr

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share ideas, so that together we may get a better perspective of the world or simply enjoy a beautiful piece of literature."

Marcel Rotter, Niebuhr's fellow associate professor of German, cited his colleague's involvement in the AATG's local chapter, and her out-reach to developing high school programs. She has also done extensive work with the University of Virginia German Workshops and the Foreign Language Association of Virginia Conferences. Dean of Faculty Rosemary Barra spoke well of Niebuhr's contributions to the quality of Mary Washington's faculty, and her intimate student involvement. As the Vice President of Academic Affairs, she has closely overseen the activities of all the academic departments.

"She is very deserving of this award," Barra said.

Not only is Niebuhr highly regarded by her colleagues in education, but also (and perhaps most importantly) by her students. Junior Diana Kearns is currently taking two of Professor Niebuhr's courses.

"She is caring and warm to her students and wishes us to ask questions," Kearns said. "She likes it when we talk to her and provide our own personal experiences of Germany, thereby helping out fellow students who have never visited Germany."

Senior Kim Hardison has been similarly pleased with her experience with Niebuhr.

"She tries to help out students whenever she can, both in class and out," Hardison said. "She wants to make sure that everyone understands everything."

Kearns and Hardison were thrilled to find out that they were being educated under the instruction of an award-winning professor, and even more so by her demeanor in the midst of such attention.

"I like the fact that a person can be great at what they do and achieve so much and then be rewarded for it, but can also remain humble. She didn't even mention that she had gotten the award in class. I read it on the UMW homepage," Hardison said.

According to both students, aside from her passion for teaching, it is Niebuhr's unique methods that truly set her apart.

"In several cases, we gave small speeches to help us improve our ability to speak the language," Kearns said. "She also provides a lot of material to reinforce what we have learned. In doing so, this improved my understanding and speaking of the German language."

Kearns also remarked that one of her favorite class activities has been discussions that dive into lesser known aspects of German culture. Until getting to visit Germany herself this past summer, Kearns had had to rely upon these details from Niebuhr and her fellow students to get a picture of German culture on a broader perspective. Now, with her own experiences under her belt, Kearns feels she can equally contribute to these exciting class discussions.



Associate German Professor Vera Niebuhr received accolades for her teaching.

Hardison, who is not a German major, was not required to take the class.

"I'm just taking it because I like German and I like Frau Niebuhr," she said.

She went on to mention that Professor Niebuhr's skill at involving her students in class material is especially effective. "There's lots of reading, but it's relevant reading."

Professor Niebuhr's ability to supplement classic textbook grammar with modern cultural topics and issues has certainly been a factor in her reception of her award.

Niebuhr said that her typical methods are based mostly on the specific areas that students find interesting, thereby using relevant hands-on experience to correspond to those areas.

"To enliven and enrich instruction in beginning German, for example, I have created a series of interactive multimedia presentations," Niebuhr said. "Included are captions from current newspaper articles, scenes of Germany, and musical selections, all of which are directly related to the grammatical features we discuss in class. Thus, students find it easier to learn new concepts."

Rosemary Barra also referenced the successful Foreign Film series put on by Niebuhr as another way to immerse students in the language in an artistic way.

This combination of traditional and modern learning, according to Niebuhr, is essential in today's ever-growing global outlook. She has perceived that many students are looking increasingly to study languages that are relevant to current issues of international relations, and ensures her students that a knowledge of German is a beneficial skill to have as technology and world affairs continue to expand. According to Niebuhr, the use of foreign media can be particularly helpful.

"The more complicated world politics become, the better it is to gain information from a variety of sources, including newspapers published in another language in another country. German newspapers often provide another perspective, for Germany currently plays a key role in Europe and Europe is an important part of the world community," she said.

Niebuhr stressed that German is a valuable tool to have for the working world in careers such as diplomacy, tourism, science, medicine and economics.

Niebuhr's comrades praise her innovation; her students her approachability and enthusiasm. At the core of her profession, however, will always be a passion and love for the language, and for communicating that love to others.

"Students who study German can appreciate the beauty of the language and the literature. German has long been an important language for those interested in art, music, religion, and philosophy," Niebuhr said. "I have simply tried to teach as best I can."

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 14 issue of *The Bullet*, a photo caption on page 1 reported that sophomore Alison Weckstein was "berating" the York College goalie. According to Weckstein, she did not speak to the goalie.

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Editorial

Frawley Is In 'Da House

As memories of inauguration weekend fade and people sober up from the now-famous ball, it's time to informally welcome President Frawley.

Although the new President has only been in office for a few short months, he's had enough positive impact to last for an entire tenure.

While some of the new President's changes might rub some people the wrong way, for others President Frawley is a breath of fresh air to a previously suffocating campus.

It's safe to say that more students have seen President Frawley walking around campus in the first month of the semester than saw former President Anderson in an entire year.

You all asked for a successor who would bring our University into it's new status, who would embrace issues that matter to students and who would be a visible, energetic figure on campus.

Well, you've got him.

Nicknamed "P-Frawl" by some adoring students, President Frawley is just what the proverbial doctor ordered.

Blame Immigrants?

By MELISSA GONZALEZ
Guest Columnist

Every time that I get the chance to read over the national newspapers, there is always some article about how immigrants (regardless if they are legal or illegal) affect the well-being of the United States.

Usually, these articles look at immigration from the perspectives of undocumented immigrants or from those who blame immigrants from taking advantage of U.S. social welfare. It is rare to come across an article or a politician addressing the failures of the U.S. system that is supposed to control the flow and transition of immigration into the U.S.

Many would argue that immigrants are illegal or become illegal because of their own actions. What they fail to see is how some immigrants are greatly impacted by the mistakes of U.S. immigration authority.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) replaced the former Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) in 2003, under the Department of Homeland Security. Its role is to review and pass judgment on immigrant visa petitions, naturalization petitions and asylum/refugee applications. According to their Web site, they are "charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security."

From experience, I've learned that dealing with the USCIS is anything but smooth and dependable. For those who have had to send forms, send money or wait for a decision from USCIS, we know about the consistency of their delayed paperwork and confusing responses.

Unfortunately, the majority of people who deal with the instability of USCIS are not U.S. citizens. Therefore, those who don't deal with the process of immigration are not aware of how the USCIS conducts its affairs.

Last spring semester, I interned at Rappahannock Legal Services in the immigration sector. One day a man who spoke no English came into the office needing someone to translate a response he had received from USCIS. The notice of action said that USCIS was rejecting the renewal of his Temporary Protected Status (TPS). There was nothing about what he should do next or if he should leave the country. His last TPS had expired two years ago.

I asked him why he didn't get this translated sooner. He told me that translators were expensive, no one he trusted could fluently speak English and hadn't it been in the USCIS' good intention to bring these Salvadorans into the U.S. because of internal conflicts in El Salvador? Didn't the U.S. want to keep them protected?

I told him that it appeared that he had just entered into illegal status. I asked him if he tried calling USCIS for information. He said that even the Spanish speaking officers weren't very nice. He told me he couldn't afford a plane ticket back home (for him nor for his family) and even if he let them deport him, they would only drop him off at the Mexican border. He was from El Salvador. How would he get home? It seemed much easier to just stay here.

I'm here in the U.S. on a student visa. At the end of freshman year, I had to appeal my visa status because of personal circumstances. After appealing, I received a letter from USCIS saying that they would reach a decision on my case between two weeks and 248 days.

In accordance with USCIS law, I could not work or attend classes until USCIS made a decision. What made it even worse was that if I left the U.S. before they made their decision, they could disregard my case. But if I stayed in the U.S. beyond 180 days of when my visa had been appealed, I would be entering illegal status.

After three months, the friend I was staying with got so fed up with the situation that she wrote to her congressman demanding for an answer. Four days later USCIS sent their

decision. I could also have written to any congressman asking for assistance. But being a Latina student on the verge of illegal status who has no right to vote, would they have cared?

My mother is here in the U.S. on a temporary working visa. This type of visa requires the applicant to renew their status every six months by submitting a new application each time. On July 26, 2006, my mother received her approved-renewed visa. However, the visa had expired on June 19, 2006.

How could it be possible that USCIS would send out an issued visa after it had already expired? My mother submitted a new application which USCIS received on August 7, 2006. Last week, USCIS sent my mother a notice of action asking her why she submitted her new application in August when her visa expired June 19, 2006. For the amount of money that visa applications cost, you would think that USCIS would review these cases more thoroughly. I sent them a letter explaining that USCIS hadn't sent the issued visa until July 26, 2006. I'm still waiting on a response.

The purpose of this article is to hopefully provide you with an insight into the other factors that affect U.S. immigration. Many forget that there's a system out there that needs to improve the way it handles immigration cases.

U.S. citizens need to realize that building a wall or enforcing military force will not reduce illegal immigration. Instead, politicians are enclosing immigrants who might end up in illegal status because of the unreliable conduct of the USCIS. I believe that the U.S. is not willing to blame a system that was created for the purpose of bringing about legal stability. Yet, we should learn from our mistakes and find new ways of improving the system.

Of course, this takes money, dedication and an open mind. So maybe that is what it comes down to: who is it easier to blame?

Melissa Gonzalez is a senior.

Rape: No Joke

This letter was written in response to "The Word On The Street: Essential Slang Terms For UMW Party-goers" (Sept. 28, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

We found last week's article "The Word On The Street: Essential Slang Terms For UMW Party-goers" to be insensitive, offensive to

women and trivializing to victims of date-rape.

First, we noticed the disclaimer attached to the article asking readers to take it with a grain of salt, which we might have been able to do if the article was not trying to make light of what for many is a serious matter.

Violence against women is not a joke, and the concept of "sharking," described as when a person stays sober so he or she can try to take advantage of a person who is drunk, is clearly a form of violence against the "shark-bait," as the authors choose to describe the unfortunate victims.

Rape, no matter in what form it may take, is wrong and is certainly no laughing matter.

With the term "dinner-whore," the authors are playing into the systems of inequality that devalue and objectify women by using derogatory language against them. We find the word "whore," in any context, to be demeaning and hateful to women. Using derogatory, sexist language reproduces gender inequalities and maintains harmful attitudes toward women.

If the goal of the article was to inform the students of these terms and actions, it could have been done in a much more respectful,

sensitive and constructive manner. If these slang terms really scare you, as they should and as your disclaimer states, then you would probably want to be more serious about this sensitive issue.

Taking things like this lightly makes people view them as acceptable and excusable. To many, the reality of the sharking is far from a joke, and the term dinner-whore is hurtful, offensive and inappropriate.

Sylvia Sierra is a sophomore. Phil Arnone is a junior.

Homecoming

By Will Brewster and Austin Cobb



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Features



Despite Homecoming Changes, Spirit Abounds

By **ANDREA CHRISTIE**
Staff Writer

Over eleven student organizations are involved in the planning and organizing of homecoming events this year, which is why the 2006 homecoming week is going to be one of the biggest in the University of Mary Washington's history.

"Some of the historic firsts this homecoming has accomplished [are] the first homecoming to include multicultural organizations and first homecoming to include charitable organizations," said senior Jay Sinha, student government association president. "We have over 11 organizations included in this homecoming. This contrasts sharply with the two organizations used in the past two years."

Also adding to changes in traditional homecoming is the 6-day-span of events as opposed to the usual 4-day-span, which came as a shock to many students.

"I was surprised homecoming is this week," said senior Kelly Mann. "It makes it seem like the semester has really flown by. We have homecoming this weekend, fall break in two weeks and then it seems like the rest of the time just disappears."

Homecoming is earlier this year compared to past years due to the way home soccer games were scheduled.

With the theme of homecoming being "Viva Las Vegas," events for the week include a game night to benefit Students Helping Honduras, a Mardi Gras themed Rio Day and a crazy carnival day, just to name a few.

Missing in homecoming week, however, is the traditional parade down campus walk and fireworks after the homecoming concert, which will feature Matt Pond PA, a band based out of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Senior Sarah Eckman, Senior Co Chair of Giant Productions, said they chose a band they thought would be energetic and fun.

"We wanted a band that was very different from the group playing at Rocktoberfest and also a band that would appeal not only to current students but to all the alumni who will be around for the weekend," Eckman said. "Matt Pond PA met all those requirements, and it should be a great show."

According to Sinha, who met with other campus officials to discuss the issue of a homecoming parade, the construction of the bell tower can be blamed for blocking the necessary access to George Washington Circle needed for the parade.

Also making planning more difficult this year were some logistics issues. New legislation in the state of Virginia requires a permit for student-run events 90 days in advance.

"Anything more ambitious than a BBQ needs a 90 day permit," Sinha said.

The earlier date of this year's homecoming has also made learning how to implement the new permit legislation before homecoming more difficult for SGA and resulted in no fireworks after this year's concert, according to sophomore Brianna Doura, executive coordinator of the SGA executive cabinet.

"It's at no fault to Mary Washington," Sinha said. "There's no training to educate students about the new permit. The state gave us no direction. It's like approaching a castle without a draw bridge."

Not everyone is upset about homecoming week being moved up and according to Eckman, will prove to be beneficial.

"It means we have more daylight in the evening hours and it won't be nearly as cold outside," she said. "Two important considerations when doing an outdoor show."

Not having a homecoming parade and fireworks has disappointed some students at UMW, including dance team captain and senior Natasha Kowalchuk.

"Every year there has been a parade, which dance team has always walked and danced in and won prize money from the parade judges," Kowalchuk said. "This year there will be no parade and although it has made our work a lot easier not having to put together a dance, it has also made me a little sad since this would be my last year doing it as a senior and we are not given that spirited opportunity. The parade also gets the community and fellow students a chance to show their UMW spirit, which doesn't happen very often. I know and am sure homecoming will still be fun and a success, however, I just am a little sad that some traditions were just dropped."

Although the earlier date has surprised many and required students and faculty to work harder to plan homecoming in a shorter amount of time, Doura is excited about the timing.

"I like the pair of homecoming with the inauguration of the new president," Doura said. "It's just a very exciting time for the University in general and I think it will foster more school spirit because everyone is very excited about the new changes happening around campus. I think it's the perfect time for homecoming because that's what homecoming is all about, school spirit."

SGA and other student organizations have worked hard to create a homecoming week that will reflect the growing interest in multicultural awareness at UMW.

"We wanted homecoming to really reflect what UMW is all about," Sinha said. "The multicultural organization and charity organizations have had great turn outs last year so they should be a part of this year's events."



Homecoming List of Events:

Thursday

Class Council Rocktoberfest
Campus Walk
4-6 p.m.

Bonfire
Jefferson Square
8-10:30 p.m.

Friday

Crazy Carnival Day
Ball Circle
4-6 p.m.

Senior Challenge Kick-off
Hard Times Cafe
8 p.m.

Dance: Las Vegas Theme
Great Hall
9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Saturday

Sporting Events:
Battlegrounds
Men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's soccer, women's soccer, volleyball

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Band Performance:
Matt Pond PA
Battlegrounds
7-9 p.m.

University Students Rally For A Run In Their Underwear

By **TIERNEY McAFEE**
Assistant Features Editor

Sophomore Josh Mallaber had a vision of 100 UMW students in bras and briefs. Mallaber wasn't trying to ease public speaking jitters by picturing his peers in their underwear. He had far bigger plans.

Mallaber brought his dream to life last Tuesday by gathering almost 100 half naked students in George Washington Circle for UMW's First Annual Underwear Run.

"I decided it's about time we started doing 'university things,'" Mallaber said. "Like the stuff you see in the typical college movies, or the fun things you hear about from your friends who go to bigger schools."

The men and women, in boxers and bras and underwear respectively, began their trek from George Washington Circle to Goolrick Hall and back at 10:05 p.m.

Mallaber, who wore women's underwear with the words "hot bottoms" written on the back, was pleased with the number of students who participated in the run.

"It just shows me that everyone is willing to do things like this if someone just takes the initiative to start them," Mallaber said.

Senior Graig Superina, clad in "your basic Old Navy boxers," decided to join in at the last minute when he saw the runners assembled on campus. Although he enjoyed the run, he thinks that the next one would benefit from a charitable focus. "It would have been better if it had some kind of meaning behind it like breast cancer," Superina said. "Running in your underwear just for the sake of it is pointless. I can do that in my living room."

Mallaber said that the run was in honor of the recently deceased "crocodile hunter" Steve Irwin, but admits that this was an afterthought.

"It did seem almost without a purpose this year and that's the one thing I would change about it," Mallaber said.

Mallaber says next year's underwear run will probably support a more meaningful cause, such as underprivileged children. He also has hopes that there will be an entry fee, a



Lauren Boston/Bullet

Junior Chris Badalato shows off his assets and his appreciation for the late crocodile hunter Steve Irwin. Badalato participated in UMW's First Annual Underwear Run along with almost 100 other students.

longer course and twice as many participants.

Senior Chase Llewellyn thinks the underwear run has the potential to become a long-lasting event on campus. However, his primary interest in the event spawned from a self-professed love of nudity (in this case semi-nudity).

"I decided to come out because I wanted to be a part of something big and I feel the need to support nudity in all forms," said Llewellyn, who sported a pair of white high-rise Perry Ellis briefs to the run. "Mostly [I did it] to show off my muscles though."

Sophomore Kim Pernice, who donned a black sports bra and Victoria's Secret Boxers, appreciated the variety of students at the run.

"I liked that a lot of different groups of people came out and participated," Pernice said. "It was cool to talk to people I don't usually see out. It would be fun if there were more things like that happening on campus, although not necessarily involving us in our underwear."

Bobby Durette, sophomore and founder of Middlesell.com, and his video crew taped the event to post on his website. Durette is thrilled that the video is currently featured on the website collegehumor.com as a national pick.

"We [Middlesell] are glad to put UMW on the map and get our name out there," Durette said. "We're tired of UMW having a reputation of being boring, and we plan to help change that."

We haven't seen the last of Mallaber, who is promising a "Polar Bear Run" at the onset of the first snow this winter. "I'm still working on the details, but I know the run will be in bathing suits running through a snowy campus," Mallaber said. Until then, Mallaber plans to ride out the success of UMW's First Annual Underwear Run.

"I'm very proud and so are my parents, I'm sure," Mallaber said.



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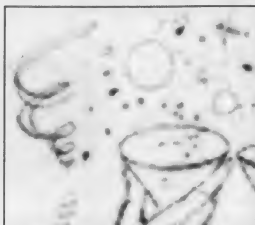
UMW Rubs Elbows With President Frawley

By K.J. ADLER
Staff Writer

While everyone was discussing new UMW president William Frawley's plan for the future of the University, Director of Campaign Events, Linda Catullo couldn't stop raving about his dance moves.

"It was a great success," Catullo said after Saturday's inauguration. "Everyone I spoke with was thoroughly impressed with both Dr. Frawley's vision and dance moves."

After a full day of speeches and a lunch and other on-campus events for Frawley's inauguration as president of UMW, it was time for the guests to really cut loose and get into their party shoes. The inaugural ball was held at the Jepson



Executive Alumni Center and beneath the Brompton Oak at the president's house, both of which are on Hanover Street.

Students, faculty, delegates and alumni flocked to the alumni center in their black tie attire. Although students were supposed to come at 10 p.m., two hours after the ball began, many came earlier, walking in their long dresses and tuxedos. Families who were staying in hotels arrived via the FRED transportation system, which the University arranged to transport guests between their hotels and the events of the day.

Once the festivities began, many of the president's employees relaxed a little. According to Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president and a member of the class of 1971, planning the inauguration events has been time consuming.

"Since August, everyone's efforts have shifted from their normal jobs to the planning of this inauguration," Corbin said. "The ball was by far the most intricate thing to plan."

Part of the complexity of the ball came from the idea to coordinate Frawley's international vision for the University's future with the food served at the ball. Beneath the tents, lined with sparkling lights, there was a plethora of foods from around the world. For the guests who were of age, there were also a number of bars with international beer and wine.

The ballroom of the alumni center was just as global. Along with colorful flower arrangements, there were flags from around the world that represent the international students who attend UMW.

At Brompton, the president's home which is just across Hanover Street from the alumni center, sat another twinkling tent, illuminating the dance floor that was set up on the lawn, right



Courtesy: Elizabeth Jennings

UMW students (left to right) sophomore Elizabeth Jennings, alumnus B-J Huff and seniors Andrew Lamar and Susan Alexander glittered just as much as the lights of the tents as they enjoyed dancing, food and socializing at the inaugural ball.

beside the famous Brompton Oak.

Frawley and his wife, Maria, got the ball started when they danced to "What a Wonderful World" beneath the canopy at Brompton.

Around 9:30 p.m. they crossed the street to the alumni center and danced to the same song all over again.

Afterwards, Frawley danced with his 11-year-old daughter, Emma. His son, 14-year-old Christopher, watched from the side.

It took Frawley nearly an hour to move between the two packed dance floors because he talked to most of the guests who were at Brompton, chatting with each individual who came near him.

Many students expressed their desire to have an annual ball. The party atmosphere and relaxed setting allowed them to mingle with their teachers as well as the new president.

"I had a fabulous time Saturday," senior Susan Alexander said. "The alumni center was beautiful and it was great having students and faculty together to celebrate Dr. Frawley! I personally spoke with him for about 15 minutes and I really got to see him on a personal level. He's great!"

But even for a president with high approval ratings, the party must end at some point. Frawley left at 12:15 a.m., ready to get to work on turning his vision for the University into a reality.



Courtesy: Elizabeth Jennings

Senior Dan Clendenin and UMW alumna Amanda Matthews joined classmates and faculty to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. William J. Frawley on Saturday night.

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Entertainment

Bands Are More Than Just "Junk"

By **CAITLIN COGGINS**
Staff Writer

How many student bands do you know that can combine a harmonica, saxophone, guitar, drums, and the occasional fiddle and beatboxing, and still manage to sound fantastic? Junk Science is a term used to describe "purportedly scientific data, research, analyses or claims which are perceived to be driven by political, financial or other questionable motives."

It is also the name of the all-student band that opened at The Loft in downtown Fredericksburg last Wednesday. For all students at UMW in various grades, Junk Science has a combination of great covers and original songs.

The band's lead singer and main guitarist is Ed Dickerson, class of '06, who also co-writes many of the band's original songs. Also on vocals, harmonica and beatboxing is junior Matt Bradshaw, who also co-writes some of Junk Science's songs. Junior Ben Marks is on drums, sophomore Ephraim Byrd plays the bassist and also singer, with Junior Jeremy Cooper on the saxophone. With these various musicians and instruments, the band creates a sound that is fun, funky and very eclectic.

Their show contained an assortment of original songs and covers, and an especially fantastic cover of Stevie Wonder's "Very Superstitious." Bradshaw warned the audience before they began the cover that they were going to be "getting funky." And although the crowd at The Loft this Wednesday night wasn't exactly immense, every person, even those at the bar not watching the show, came over to the stage to dance or listen. This was also the song that Junk Science managed to combine beatboxing with a fiddle solo and make it completely work.

Although this definitely stood out as the song that bought down the house, the entire show was laced with fun, jazzy and even reggae songs that made people sit up and listen. The stage presence of the band was also extremely entertaining. The antics of Dickerson and Bradshaw were especially fun to watch and added to the overall entertainment of the whole show. Overall, all their songs were an eclectic assortment of jazzy tracks that anyone would enjoy. Junk Science is planning on going into the studio in December to begin recording some of their songs. Until then, they will play live again

at the Loft on Oct. 12 in an 18 and up show and again at the Campus Green Party on Oct. 28.

The three man band, Shane Hines and the Trance followed Junk Science and also put on an equally fantastic show. Formed by Shane Hines himself, the band had a much different sound and had much more pop-rock songs than jazzy tunes. Vocals and guitar were performed by Shane Hines himself, who put on a great show (despite the fact that he wasn't feeling his best). On bass was Brian "Thumbs," who everyone simply called "Thumbs." (The origin of this nickname is still unknown to this reporter.) On drums was Kevin Bearce, who only joined the group about a year ago, and actually was the old drum teacher of Ben Marks, the drummer in Junk Science.

Shane Hines and the Trance opened up with an extremely fast and upbeat song, and the audience was immediately captured by his fantastic voice and lively stage presence. Shane Hines also writes all his own songs, and he is inspired by things in his everyday life, which tends to be what he writes about. Shane Hines and the Trance songs have been played on shows like "The Real World: Keywest" and "The Challenge: Fresh Meat." They have an third album out, "Zoe," and an EP coming out on October 20th, called "Satellite Go Boom." They don't know when for sure they will be returning to Fredericksburg, but they are hoping to play at a UMW basketball game sometime this winter.

**The Loft: 1005
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UMW junior Matt Bradshaw wails on his harmonica during Junk Science's Latest show at The Loft.

Grave-Robbing Extravaganza Goes Guerilla

By **JOHN SHERIDAN**
Staff Writer

What this campus needs more of is metal. Not the horrible clanging and banging of metal that comes from the bell tower construction outside my dorm; I speak of the metal that goes in your ears. More specifically, the melodic metal monstrosity that is UMW's own Grave-Robbing Extravaganza, Composed of juniors Evan Henry, Christian Tenney, Lewis Kopenhafer and sophomore Colin Deyman. Here however, you will come to know them by their respective stage personas: the Whimsical Evan (WE), Effervescent Christian (EC), Lord Unfortunate (LU), and the Ubiquitous Colin (UC). They were gracious enough to answer a handful of the most important questions inquiring minds want to know about the Grave-Robbing Extravaganza.

The Grave Robbing Extravaganza is not metal for every polo-shirt freshman and his grandma, but if you think you are ready to take your metal training wheels off, the GRE will deliver and then some. The band played a guerilla concert in the Mary Washington amphitheatre on Sept. 30, the same day as President Frawley's inauguration. Despite impromptu setbacks from law enforcement in their recent gig, the band says they have not been deterred, and the people can expect another side-splitting ear-enchanting law-abiding show in the near future. Open up your hearts and let the

smoldering liquid metal pour in.

What caused you to get into metal?

LU: "The intensity of metal affords it to convey the beauty in the music more than any other genre."

WE: "I had a friend give me a bootleg copy of Ride The Lightning when I was in second grade."

If you could dig up the grave of any celebrity, who would it be, and what bones would you take?

EC: "Abraham Lincoln, because he would be huge, and I think you know what bone I'd take. You know, the femur."

LU: "I would dig up FDR's legs."

UC: "It doesn't really matter who it is, as long as I get a femur I can poke people with."

WE: "I would probably go with Ghandi, and I would take his funny bone."

Who are your non-metal influences?

WE: "Eric Clapton. I don't know, Chicago is a big one."

LU: "Rush."

When you perform, do you channel any specific deities, dead people, etc.?

LWE: "I really like to think I'm channeling Rob Halford's sheer awesomeness when I'm playing the drums. Even though he doesn't play drums, just his awesomeness powers me. And the leather."

EC: "Probably the god of confidence, which I need when I'm playing."

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the Spotlight

By **WILL COPPS**
Assistant Entertainment Editor

A part of me has always wondered if I would ever review a futuristic cowboy-themed rock opera, and a part of you has always wondered just what said review would say. The time has come.

Muse's new album, "Black Holes & Revelations," has fantastic musicianship and a focused musical direction. If the aforementioned genre sounds like your cup of tea, this is your album. If not, the album suffers from the same pitfalls of previous Muse albums: inconsistency and a bit of repetitiveness.

But just as the previous Muse albums had their highlights, this album has some fantastic songs on it.

"Supermassive Black Hole" and "Exo-Politics" stand out there with Muse's best songs. Track four, "Map of the Problematique," is far and away my favorite Muse song of all time. The energy is intense and the vocals soar.

The drumming on the album, in particular, seems vastly improved from previous albums. It's not just the production, the songs seem more anchored by steady beats and explode when drummer Dominic Howard unleashes his chops.

The softer songs, like "Soldier's Poem," just don't work here. They are boring, skippable tracks with very little redeeming value. Even in the context of judging the album as a whole, they kill any energy that the other songs build up.

"Invincible" is the closest thing to an exception to this rule on the album, but I still only found myself listening to it a couple times before forgetting about it.

I haven't mentioned "Knights of Cydonia" yet. The album closer of album closers, regular readers of our section are already familiar with this song as it carried our distinction as the #1 most awesome video of all time. On its own, it is



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still an epic space robot Western call to arms that is sure to make you go want to go save the world on your unicorn. While it might be easy to paste a cone onto a friend's riding horse, I must warn you it's hard to find good robots to fight with. You might want to avoid this song altogether and save yourself the agony.

If you are a previous Muse fan, or looking for something a little off the mainstream, be sure to check this album out. Otherwise, make sure to still check out the "Knights of Cydonia" video on the Muse MySpace page. It won't disappoint you.

**Check out some of the new songs and videos on
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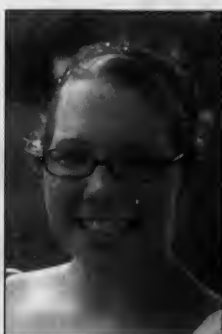
What have you overheard on campus?



"The squirrels here are so weird!"
"Your squirrels are so weird."

-Two rodent loving ladies

-Claire Copps,
Freshman



"Virgins aren't magical"

-An unsuperstitious scholar

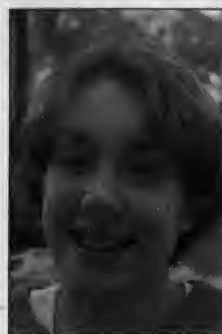
-Molly Barber,
Junior



"I have a daddy for you."

-A gutter-minded guy

-Fran Fiamingo
Junior



"Isn't that an honor violation?"
"Yeah, and I think it's a federal crime too."
-Two contemplative criminals

-Christina McGovern
Junior

Not funny enough for you? Keep your ears open and send me your over-heards at zbowm8j@umw.edu.

New "Release" Still Holds Familiar Flavor

By MATT ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Rubber-jawed rapper Ludacris recently told BET about his new major-label album, *Release Therapy*. Sporting a new haircut sans his famous cornrows, Ludacris said that with his new album which was different than his previous four albums, there would be a new haircut to go with it.

"I cut my hair for many reasons...it came at a time when my music seemed to take a different turn," Ludacris said.

Fortunately, his music has not taken that big of a turn away from his usual bass-thumping, booty-shaking, punch line-dropping antics that listeners are used to, because that formula has worked for him in the past. Ludacris has gone double platinum with each of his four previous albums. Still, the rapper claims to have put something extra into this album.

"You'll see that there is a more serious matter on there," he said.

On "Release Therapy," the anatomical jokes are in shorter supply, but are definitely still present. The album's first single, "Money Maker," features a Neptunes-produced beat featuring a hook from Pharrell and doesn't seem to be too successful at convincing listeners to take him seriously.

Even with lyrics like, "I just wanna take a ride on your curves and get erotic givin' your body what it deserves," the single made No. 2 on the Billboard charts even before the album's release. It looks like listeners don't care too much about being serious.

Ludacris, however, does manage to balance the profane with the profound. With the anti-child-abuse sermon "Runaway Love," Ludacris tells the story of an unfortunate girl stuck in the

projects with an abusive father. On the rap industry conflicted track "War With God," "Cris challenges rappers to 'Do like your records say or shut the f*** up!'" Ludacris puts forth a strong defense of his quest to be taken more seriously on this "release" side of the album.

Bottom line, the album is another classic Ludacris success. "Release Therapy" provides great musical production, fresh lyrical flow and some over-the-top punch lines that always come with one of the dirty south's most talented rappers. Boys, if you don't find your head

nodding and your girl's booty bottoming out to this album, then you may need to turn up the volume knob because Ludacris is on point with his sixth solo effort. "Release Therapy" features additional musical guests Young Jeezy, Field Mob, R. Kelly, UGK's Pimp C, and Mary J. Blige. I suggest pay no attention to Ludacris' claims of an "image change"

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and get ready for another "money maker" of an album straight out of Atlanta.

"Release Therapy"
by Ludacris
available at most
record retailers.



Band Busts Out Rock, Busts Open Graves

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UL: "And the god of awesome is a good one."

WE: "Awesomeness."

LU: "Awesomeness Prime."

Nobody really sings about Greek or Roman gods in metal, it's always the Norse gods that get the attention. Why is that?

LU: "Here's why. Zeus just achieved all-power by being born from that dude, what's his name? Chronos. But then you've got Odin, who is the flip of his [Zeus's] coin, and he achieved his power by stabbing himself in the eye and hanging himself. You don't get much more metal than that."

EC: "Power metal in general."

UC: "Power metal is kind of lame."

LU: "But it's scientifically the best genre. I'll defend that to the grave."

What color is GRE's aura?

LUC: "A nice little swirl. With more black than white."

WE: "So it's one of those Halloween peppermints. I was going to say translucent blue though."

How would you describe the essence of GRE in one phrase?

WE: "Not serious people who play serious music."

LU: "Bone-crushing laughter."

EC: "Beautiful absurdity."

UC: "I agree with all of them."

How do think your gu.rilla show went?

LU: "The show went really well as long as it lasted. It started out with about twenty people and then as we progressed more kids and parents rolled by, and it ended up being quite the baller event. We ran through three of our classics: Treaty of Versailles 1919, Instrumental #1, and we were about to finish Vacant Tones when the cops shut us down. I was really disappointed because we were about to unveil our latest epic masterpiece: Sperm Whale vs. Giant Squid, which runs a gamut of influences from Nickelodeon theme songs to Spanish guitar."

EC: "It's a great song, and it's the most

impressive technical song we've ever done."

So who would win, giant squid or sperm whale?

LU: "Well technically they both lose. In 1965 a Russian oil tanker came across the body of a sperm whale that was wrapped in the tentacles of a giant squid. They found the squid's head in the whale's stomach, so they'd killed each other roughly the same time. Now typically the Sperm Whale wins because he hunts the squid for food, the squid doesn't really have anything to gain from killing a sperm whale. I think in the archetypical battle, it's really a dead even."

EC: "Sperm Whale."

WE: "I'm going to go with the underdog here and say the squid, because the song's in 6/8 time."

What did you do when the cops arrived?

UC: "We didn't stop for about twenty minutes. The cops came and we just kept playing. We were seeing if they had a justified reason to shut us down; he just said they would cut the power if we kept playing, so there was no point in fighting it any longer."

EC: "Oh man, it was terrifying. They were like a foot in front of our faces, screaming for us to stop, and we just kept playing."

If GRE were an animal, mythical or real, what would it be?

LU: "Some sort of Quetzcoatl, maybe a gryphon. We've got razor-sharp teeth and claws. We've also got the brute strength to back it all up, but we have smooth melodic fur. So people want to pet us, and we also want to kill them. It's a good relationship we have with...other creatures."

But certainly you planned your show on this date and time to honor President Fawley?

LU: "The show was dedicated from the get-go to President Fawley's inauguration. Even as the cops were about to unplug all our things, I made sure I gave him one final shout-out, and that was met with a cheer from the audience. As far as the Grave-Robbing Extravaganza is concerned, President Fawley is A-OK."

Bullet Hits: A Top Five Pick

By ERICA MASON
Contributing Writer

Since Mary Washington does not (tragically) offer a children's lit course, here is a mini Children's Novel 101 syllabus that will hopefully evoke a bit of nostalgia in some.

1. "Maniac Magee" by Jerry Spinelli

The exercise revolution among youth in the '90s can be credited to *Maniac Magee*. It's about the legend of an orphan boy that could run fast for long periods of time (this was before Forrest Gump). In addition to his speed, Maniac's inability to see skin color aids him in uniting a racially divided town in Pennsylvania. His innocence is so endearing, it could melt even the stone faces of Mount Rushmore. Here's one of the greatest passages from the book: "Maniac kept trying, but he still couldn't see it, this color business. He didn't figure he was white anymore than the East Enders were black. He looked himself over pretty hard and came up with at least seven different shades and colors right on

his own skin, not one of them being what he would call white (except for his eyeballs, which weren't any whiter than the eyeballs of the kids on the East End). Which was all a big relief to Maniac, finding out he wasn't really white, because the way he figured, white was about the most boring color of all."

2. "Pippi Longstocking" by Astrid Lindgren

Her pigtails are legendary. Running perpendicular out of her head, I donned the wiry braids many a time in elementary, middle, and (admittedly) some of high school. Who could not admire a little Swedish girl with the ability to walk on ceilings and lift her two ton horse with one hand? Pippi (pronounced PeeFee in the native Swedish tongue) lived at home alone while her father was sailing the high seas. Published in 1945, Pippi defied the typical children's novel heroine with her outrage towards ageism. Pippi despised the adults who believed that children should be seen and not heard, and she designed many schemes to show

her distaste, like the time she played tag with the police officers who tried to convince her to go to school.

3. "The Giver" by Lois Lowry

Not just a "1984" for kids. This book taught children about different societies and the problems/strengths of living in a democracy. Take out the themes and symbolism, and there is still an incredible story about a classic hero-the boy who stands up for what he believes in. *The Giver* has some of the most vivid and gorgeous imagery of any book I've ever read, despite the fact that the story is set in a colorless and natureless world.

4. "The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis

When I was in second grade, I had two imaginary friends, Martha and Alexander. They were twins, and each had a dog, named Digory and Polly, respectively. These invisible canines were named after two awesome characters in Lewis's prequel in the Narnia Series. The first children ever to enter into the world of Narnia, Digory and Polly are there at its conception, and become special friends with the lion king, Aslan.

The end of the book has an amazing surprise that directly links to "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe." Although Lewis wrote this book sixth in the Narnia series of seven, it has now become trendy to read it before the others since it comes first chronologically. This however, is a travesty, for "The Magician's Nephew" can only fully be appreciated if read in its intended place.

5. "Sideways Stories from Wayside School" by Louis Sachar

This is a collection of quirky stories about bizarre kids and the even more bizarre antics that happen at Wayside Elementary School. The school is 30 stories high, with one classroom per story. Most tales come from the class on the 30th floor, taught by Mrs. Jewels. Included are stories about:

Todd: He always gets in trouble, and therefore, is sent home everyday at 12:00. Will he ever Make it through a whole day?!

Alison: the only kid at Wayside who has been to the 19th floor, which doesn't exist.

Louis the Yard Teacher: This character was based on Sachar himself, who worked as a recess patrolman during college.

News

Freshmen Ranked

By JESSY SIMON
Staff Writer

According to the Freshman Admission Status Report, UMW freshmen exceeded the national SAT average in every section.

Despite having rose above the national median scores, the high school grade point averages and SAT scores of the current UMW freshmen have slightly decreased from those of last year's freshmen.

The current freshmen scored a mean of 612 on the Critical Reading section, a mean score of 593 on the Math section, and a mean score of 597 on the New Writing section.

"I'm very excited about this freshman class," stated Dr. Martin Wilder, vice president of enrollment. "We would like to get students away from the 'numbers and focus more on the whole picture.'"

Last year's enrolled freshmen had a mean high school GPA of 3.67 and a mean SAT-I math and verbal score of 1226. This year's freshmen have a mean high school GPA of 3.65 and a mean SAT-I Critical Reading and Math score of 1205.

The only statistic of the Freshman Admission Status Report that Wilder was not completely satisfied with was the number of out of state freshmen. Last year's freshmen had 326 out of state students while this year there are only 289, a difference of 37.

"I wish that we had more out of state freshmen," Wilder said. "That is the one area that I would have liked to have seen differently."

The current freshman class also has 935 people in it, 21 more people in it than last

year. The class includes 628 females, 28 more than last year's class, and 307 males, 7 less than last year's class. There were also 21 more students with honors admission.

According to the College Board Total Group Profile Report, the mean scores in Critical Reading and Math have gone down slightly throughout the nation between 2005 and 2006. The mean Critical Reading score in 2005 was 508 and decreased to 503 for 2006. The mean Math score in 2005 was 520 and decreased to 518 for 2006. The mean for the Writing section in 2006 was 497.

According to the College Board, the most significant factor in the national decline of less than a percentage point, is a change in student test taking patterns. Much of the score difference was attributed to the decrease in the number of students retaking the test and, often, gaining a score increase.

Associate Dean of Admissions Alison Gauch confirmed that this year's freshmen were the first class using a new form of the SAT-I.

The College Board Web site states that the SAT math section now includes Algebra II, the critical reading section no longer contains analogies, and a new writing section now contains identifying errors, improving sentences and paragraphs. The writing section also contains a student essay in which the student must communicate an opinion and support a position. The test is also out of 2400 points now.

Gauch also stated that she did not believe that the decrease of GPA and SAT scores from last year's freshmen to this year's was

significant.

"We believe in a holistic process of admissions," Gauch said. "It's not all about specific numbers."

Wilder confirmed that the admissions department does not review applicants in any type of a formula based strictly on GPA and SAT scores. Instead, he stated that each applicant is considered on many different criteria besides GPA and SAT scores. These criteria include the quality of secondary school, high school curriculum, individual course performance, essays, recommendations and extra-curricular activities.

"Our aim is to have diversity all around, not just in race and ethnicity, but in all perspectives," Wilder said. "These freshmen are a diverse mix of students who create the vibrant, engaged and active UMW community that we want it to be."

Despite the slight drop in mean GPA and SAT scores for the current freshman class, Wilder still feels that these freshmen are "high caliber students." He also stated that he has heard nothing but positive responses from UMW faculty concerning the current freshmen.

Associate Professor of English Marie McAllister is currently teaching the Travel Writing freshman seminar as well as a predominantly freshman Engl 101 Writing Workshop class. She stated that both classes are performing very well.

"The freshmen in my classes are as good as they have ever been," McAllister said. "They are among the best I have ever had."

WMWC Returns

By ELIZABETH KRIETSCH
Assistant News Editor

After a brief hiatus, WMWC, University of Mary Washington's student-run radio station, will resume making noise sometime this week.

However, rather than broadcasting over cable television channel 26 like they have in the past, WMWC will be broadcasting all radio shows and music over the campus wide internet system.

A link for the radio shows will be available on the WMWC Web site, wmwc.org.

According to Evan Henry, technology and equipment coordinator and lead rock director for WMWC, the music will be broadcast over the Internet as constantly streaming Mp3 files which can be played through media devices like iTunes, Winamp and Windows Media Player.

"At any given moment there should be something playing on the station," Henry said.

The radio shows—available to any residential students—will be run by a variety of DJs who will each have a weekly timeslot. A schedule of the radio shows will be posted on wmwc.org sometime this week.

Zachary Zuro, general manager of WMWC, hopes that the new Internet broadcasting system will draw in more DJs to work at the station.

He said that the visibility of WMWC's new location in Woodard Campus center has also been helpful for attracting students with an interest in working at the station.

"The DJs we have this year all seem very enthusiastic about doing their own show," Zuro said. "I have no doubt that each will have something unique to contribute to the station and whoever is lucky enough to tune in and listen once we are up and running."

The station has struggled to attract listeners in recent years due to the fact that the station was only broadcast over the television. Henry thinks that the Internet broadcasts will help WMWC acquire a larger audience among the student body now that listening will be only a mouse click away.

"I believe we will definitely have more listeners this year," Henry said. "Think about how much time students spend on the Internet these days—we have now moved into generation mouse-potato."

Zuro says that in the past WMWC's broadcasting equipment was far outdated, but he thinks the new Internet technology will help WMWC become closer to the performance level of some other college radio stations. James Madison University, The College of William and Mary and Christopher Newport University all have student run radio stations that broadcast over the Internet.

"Over the past two years, we have made a leap of about 30 years in the technology and nature of broadcasting equipment that we use," Zuro said.

While WMWC currently only has enough funds to broadcast over the campus intranet system, they plan to apply to OSACS for additional money next semester. If they are able to obtain enough money they will begin the process of putting their signal on the global Internet.

For now, WMWC members are focusing their attention on getting the Web site ready to go for the Internet broadcast so they can continue to build interest among the campus community.

"I think that in this next year WMWC will see a major comeback in terms of relevance on campus," Henry said.

Copprome Raises Funds

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about six tables of eight people playing poker.

"When I heard about this through the e-mail I came right over because I've never found anyone that played just for fun before—and for the orphans of course," freshman Cammy Carroll said.

"Luck has a lot to do with this game," junior Krishna Sinha said. "Even being horrible can work to your advantage because then people can't read you."

Sinha made it to the final table and won the Al Pacino movie "Carlito's Way."

Monday's tournament was enjoyable not just for those who played but also for the event coordinators, the members of SGA and SHH.

"I like the community SHH offers for me here on campus," SHH Vice President Nick Winborne said. "To be involved and run an event... it's a lot of fun."

The poker tournament was the first SHH fundraiser of this school year. The organization hopes to have one again sometime in November. Other upcoming events include the Christmas card campaign, the Spectacle Film Festival and another Walkathon in the spring.

Last year's Walkathon drew over 800 participants including University students,

alumni, churches, Fredericksburg residents and visitors from other colleges. It raised \$148,000 for Copprome.

"We've done well not because of some type of organizational support but because people are passionate about it," SHH member Taylor Hall said. "We don't have much of a hierarchy, positions, or dues, it's just people who come and help out. It's more of a movement. Just people who want to help the kids. It's interesting and fun to be part of that movement."

Much of the money was allocated for necessities like food and clothing. Some of it was used for the purchasing of fans in the orphanage, and some of it will go towards the children's education. SHH is funding an addition to the orphanage that will serve as a computer room and an art room.

"We've secured their present and now we're trying to secure their future," Fujiyama said.

SHH is working to establish an Endowment fund for College scholarships.

That would help the orphans there immensely, giving them something to look forward to in otherwise bleak surroundings, since there is such poverty and unemployment in El Progreso.

"As students we understand the benefits of education," Winborne said.

Members of the club have visited Copprome and stayed at the orphanage when given the opportunity. In May of last year, students from UMW and the College of William and Mary visited together, followed in August by a group of UMW, UVA and some high school students to help. There are another two trips planned for this winter.

"We spend time with the kids and do fun activities with them," Fujiyama said. "They are always lonely. They have each other but don't have anyone to look up to or anyone looking after them."

In recognition of the service work that SHH has done and continues to do, UMW's National Residence Hall Honorary, an achievement society consisting of the top one percent of students on campus, is submitting a bid to the National Association of College Residency Halls, nominating Students Helping Honduras for "Program of the Year."

"It is a great idea and a heartfelt project. It deserves to be recognized," NRHH member Abbie Steele said.

SHH meets Thursdays at 9 p.m. in Monroe Hall, room 204.

"It feels really good to help people that need help. Our club has such tangible and intangible results," Winborne said.

Gnehm Visits UMW

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one another, politically, militarily, economically, and philosophically.

Gnehm, who spent 36 years in the Foreign Service, began his presentation by discussing Turkey, which is to the north of Iraq. According to the former ambassador, Turkey views every event as it relates to the Kurdish issue.

Moving to Iran in the west, Gnehm said that the country is a more looming threat than Iraq, thanks to Iran's nuclear capabilities and hostile attitude. He also said that Iran would like for the United States to pull out of Iraq.

"Hopefully in a humiliating way, I might add," he said.

For much of the rest of his speech, Gnehm discussed not only the opinions about Iraq but also the country's opinion of Iran.

According to Gnehm, he is most often not hearing concern about Iraq so much as about Iran in countries like Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

During his question and answer segment at the end of his appearance, Gnehm said that he does not see an immediate end to the war in Iraq.

"There will be more bloodshed, more fighting," he said. "I'd be very surprised if this president brings back troops."

Freshman Anya Bogdanow appreciated the way Gnehm presented the information.

"His first part was really good because he covered and said a simplified version of the whole situation," Bogdanow said. "I'm not that familiar with everything, so I thought that was really good just to give you an overall view."

Freshman Danika Robison agreed.

"I thought it was really interesting how he kind of took a different point of view with Iraq and all of the neighboring countries," she said. "I thought it was very informative."

Gnehm's opinions about the war were not supported by everyone in the audience.

Freshman Evan Perry thought that Gnehm was overly disapproving of the war.

"I think he pretty much supported Iraq, but I think he really didn't give enough credit to Bush," Perry said. "He's been a little too critical of the Iraq war and he sees too much failure in it. I mean, really he's on the same page as Bush, but for whatever reasons he had qualms with that."

As part of the string of events leading to Frawley's inauguration on Saturday, Gnehm spent the day at UMW, eating lunch with political science majors and attending classes. Gnehm enjoyed his visit to Mary Washington and appreciated the students with whom he interacted.

"[Mary Washington students are] clearly thoughtful, discerning, well read to the issues," Gnehm said.



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Viewpoints

Sexclamations

The Ambiguity Of Ass

By Elz England, Staff Writer, and
Daniel Ceo, Photography Editor



Courtship no longer exists in our society. We live in a world where booty calls, one night stands, fxxx buddies, monogamy, casual sex, abstinence and open relationships are all accepted. Unfortunately, with endless options, uncertainty and ambiguity plague every relationship-esque situation.

Many of you freshmen are probably experiencing this for the first time. We can guarantee you that it won't be the last. Dan and Elz can't tell you exactly where to go. But, we can give you the compass to help you navigate unknown territory.

The most common scenario seems to be the habitual hook-up. For the past few weeks you've been getting some from the same person, but you're not really dating and you're not really sure if the other person is seeing other people.

First, ask yourself: does it matter? Secondly, why is this person the only one I'm hooking up with? Is he/she my only option at the moment? Am I simply happy to be consistently getting tail? Or...do I actually like this person? Is this something I want to become a relationship? Use this scenario: if a better option came along, would you ditch your hook-up?

You have a few options: you can Facebook stalk, you can ask his/her friends, you can obsessively text/IM them or you could just ask. Dan and Elz recommend the latter. But, before you ask you must know what you want out of the relationship and what you're willing to settle for. While the phrase "we need to talk" strikes fear in the heart of every human, sometimes it's necessary, but try to word it differently.

Realize that it's possible you're on different

pages. If the person said that all they want is a friend with benefits, don't assume the situation will change in the future. It probably won't. It's not worth your time to invest in a relationship that might not become what you want. If you continue to try and change the person, accept the fact that you might get hurt.

If you're just in it for the ass, be wary that regular sex with one person usually leads to intimacy. You may want to limit the number of hook ups with this person, or be willing to accept that your relationship may evolve into something more serious. However, you should always be clear about your intentions with a regular hook up. Don't lead anyone on.

A detached approach to sex can seem refreshing. But, being caught up in the abyss of relationship ambiguity can ruin a hook up. Interactions with a person can cease to be pleasurable when you're constantly analyzing every action and word for subtext. Know when to let go and stop thinking too much. But don't be afraid to communicate with your partner, if you wish to continue this relationship.

Sex has always been a controversial subject in our culture. One of the purposes of this column, aside from entertainment, is to elicit opinions and reactions from the student body. Dan and Elz are not sexperts, nor are we telepathic.

We encourage you to approach us on campus, write responses to be published, ask us a sex question, send in column suggestions, or even your own column. While just the two of us write the column, it's all about you baby.

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Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

Virginia colleges embrace fall. Tech has Hokie hype. UVA boasts a booming Greek life. We have Homecoming.

While visiting other campuses this time of year can provide a refreshing football or fraternal experience, now is the weekend to stay put.

For many years, Homecoming was held at the end of October. The Friday night Jefferson Square bonfire was always a surefire hit, offering students both pizza and warmth.

After freshman year's bonfire in the Square, we turned my friends Pete and Steve's Jefferson room 421 into a dance party.

To this day, whenever I hear Kenny Chesney's "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," I go back to that night we videotaped Steve kicking his shoe into the camera lens.

We tested the amount of people physically able to fit into a single dorm room. I think the record was 15.

This Saturday's soccer games against Salisbury at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the fields offer sold-out sideline entertainment.

Every year, the silver bleachers are packed with shoulder-to-shoulder, screaming UMW fans.

Having the opportunity to dance in front of these thousands during halftime, I've felt the energy reverberating from a



blue wave of students (enough so that my team barely hears our music playing).

This weekend doesn't require much of a meal plan, as there will also be free BBQ at the battlegrounds from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For the past three years, it has rained promptly at 4 p.m. This has provided ample opportunity to take a power nap and recharge for the evening.

Return to the battlegrounds at 7 p.m. for Matt Pond pa. Our school has an ear for choosing the right band. Homecoming 2005's band, OKGo! performed at MTV's VMAs last month.

As a senior, I feel that it's best not to think about the magic of Homecoming vanishing after this weekend. Tomorrow night's "Senior Kickoff Challenge" at Hard Times Café will be a refreshing event, offering a casual atmosphere accentuated by pool and pitchers.

Take comfort in seeing your alumni friends visit. Once in the real world, Homecoming weekend is an excuse to re-live the college experience once a year.

Call me nostalgic, but I'll always hold onto the memories—and my cup from Dandridge Street, reading "D-Unit: Homecoming 2003"—for years to come.

Need advice? That's what I'm here for.
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Celebrating Homecoming '03.



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Cross Country In Early Lead



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The men's cross country team warms ups during a recent practice. The men's and women's teams have combined for three first place finishes this season.

By **MARIE PURKERT**
Staff Writer

In only four meets, the University of Mary Washington's cross country team has taken an early lead on the competition, already boasting three first place finishes.

Two of the three first place finishes have come from the men's team, while the women's team has had one.

But according to junior Matt Downs, the team's early success has come as no surprise.

"We only lost one person from last year's team to graduation, so we were hoping that we would be a pretty good team," he said. "We also added a very strong freshman class."

Junior Luke Wolvertson agreed.

"We have strong talent from our returning runners," he added.

Top returners on the women's side include junior Ann Tripp who has yet to place lower than twentieth in a meet and helped the women open their season with a second place finish out of eleven teams in the Sea Gull Opener held at

Salisbury University.

Not to be outdone, the men, who are being lead by senior Justin Kirk, finished fifth out of eleven teams at the same meet.

The Eagles continued to dominate a week later at the Lebanon Valley College Invitational meet, where the men's team snagged their first win of the season, and the women came close behind in second.

Wolvertson attributes the men's and women's success to hard work at each practice.

Downs agreed.

"The most impressive part of this team is our improvement from week to week," he said.

However, Downs added that there is still room for improvement.

"We can all run a little faster, but the key to winning the CAC's will be our fourth through seventh runners," he said. "So their improvements will be crucial."

Despite any potential weaknesses, the Eagles dominated at the Roanoke Invitational, capturing

two first place finishes.

The women, whose top six runners were Tripp, junior Cristy Falcone, senior Julia Rothlisberger, junior Mary Naylor and freshman Katie Figura, did not place lower than twelfth.

The men were once again lead by Kirk, who finished third. Kirk was closely followed by Wolvertson, freshman Frank Devar, junior James Rock, Downs and freshman Matt Cash, who placed seventh through eleventh respectively.

While the men placed fifth out of twenty six teams at the Paul Short Invitational, the women

had even more reason to celebrate. The meet marked the return of senior Allison Hazlett, who competed in the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships last year. Hazlett,

who had been out due to an injury, placed twenty-sixth in helping the women finish sixth out of twenty-seven teams.

Hazlett, was profiled along with the rest of the women's team this fall in *The Free Lance-Star's* UMW fall sports preview.

Downs has high expectations for the remainder of the season.

"We're looking towards the CAC meet and regionals later in November," he said. "We have a great shot at winning the conference and will try to place towards the front at regionals."

However, Wolvertson said the Eagles will have to face several strong competitors first.

"We always consider our competition to be Salisbury since they are our biggest rival at the CAC championship race," he said. "But we also like to see how we add up to Virginia teams in our region."

Downs agreed.

"Both teams are pretty evenly matched up against Salisbury," he said.

The Eagles hit the course next on Oct. 14 at the Gettysburg College Invitational.



Courtesy Clint Otten

Senior Allison Hazlett

Eagles Win Sixth Straight

By **JEREMY JORDAN**
Staff Writer

For the University of Mary Washington field hockey team, the goal Saturday was simple. Don't go into overtime.

According to sophomore Amy Santella, the Eagles were determined to get the job done early against Villa Julie following five overtime victories this season.

"That was our goal, ending it in regulation," she said.

The Eagles did just that, securing a 2-0 win over the Mustangs in the second half. Despite the win, Villa Julie refused to go down without a fight and kept pace with UMW for most of the game.

Early on the Mustangs took control on offense with a corner and their first shot on goal. Senior goalie Katherine Brown recorded a save in her first and only contact with the ball during the first half of play.

The Eagles were all over the field with shots and corners at every turn. Junior Kiri Jimerson nearly converted one corner off a shot from sophomore Sarah Pierson that sailed just wide.

Despite opportunities on offense, both UMW and Villa Julie were plagued with whistles, enabling them to establish a rhythm in the first half.

Later in the half a series of three corners yielded a shot on goal by Pierson. Villa Julie goalie Kaitlin Brzozowski made one of her seven saves in the half and fourteen overall, leaving the scoreboard blank.

The Eagles continued to push the ball up the field but could not take advantage of a shot by Santella or four corners in the last ten minutes of the first half resulting in a deflected shot by the Mustang defense.

According to junior Sarah Healy, head coach Dana Hall made one thing clear during halftime. "We talked about stepping up and not letting it go into overtime," she said.

Santella agreed.

"Coach really gets us going at the half," Santella said. "[She told us] no one knows how we worked in the first half because we didn't convert."

There was a clear difference in intensity as the Eagles came out in the second half and nearly got on the board early, the post preventing UMW from taking the lead. Moments later a shot by senior Jenna Elliott was saved off the line, by a Villa Julie defender.

Just over ten minutes into the second half UMW would get on the board thanks to one of their 18 corners. Jimerson took the corner, sending it right to freshman Jaci Marshall before Healy finally got her stick on it for the goal.

After Healy's goal, UMW took the ball down the field once again. Healy added an assist to her tally after finding Santella in front of the goal for a close shot. The second goal crossed the line just 22 second after the first.

According to Hall, initially scoring is the hard part.

"Once the first one goes in you can crack a team," she said.

Villa Julie had just one second half shot and was unable to mount any kind of a comeback as the Eagles continued to apply pressure.

With the victory the Eagles winning streak

has grown to six.

Healy attributed her team's success to consistent growth.

"[We're] taking each game and building on it," she said. "Also we're staying much more composed."

Santella agreed.

"We're finally coming together as a team," she said.

The Eagles are now at 4-1 in the conference with Salisbury as the only conference opponent remaining on the schedule.

Santella is confident about facing the Seagulls.

"Salisbury is beatable this year," she said.

"We're definitely looking towards that game."

The results of Wednesday's game against Christopher Newport University were not available when *The Bullet* went to print.

“That was our goal, ending it in regulation.”
-Sophomore Amy Santella

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Sports

Basketball Under Investigation

Women's team could face hazing sanction after online pictures discovered

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

University of Mary Washington officials are investigating a series of photographs posted on the Internet that administrators say appear to show members of the 2004-2005 women's basketball team engaged in hazing activities.

The pictures, originally posted on webshots.com by an unnamed team member, were discovered by the creator of NCAAhazing.com, William Shoot.

According to Shoot's Web site, there were two albums named "Initiation" and "A Little More From Initiation" with 113 pictures total. Captions included "let the games begin" and "suck hard."

Shoot posted six of these pictures on his Web site, which appear to depict hazing activities. In many of the pictures, several members of the basketball team are wearing blindfolds and hats. One picture depicts a player leaning her head back with a mouth full of whipped cream as two women behind her hold the can.

Other pictures show a student drinking from an orange beer pong with the words "2005 CAC Champs" on it and five players drinking some liquid substance out of ice cube trays with straws while being filmed. Most of the students are wearing UMW basketball jerseys.

No one on the team, including head coach Deena Applebury, would comment. Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs, is the official spokesperson for the team at this time. He would not give the names of the students involved.

According to Chirico, Shoot, whose organization and Web site are not part of the NCAA, the governing body of intercollegiate athletics, e-mailed the photographs to school officials last week as part of a personal campaign to expose athletic hazing. Those officials—Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Responsibility Ray Tuttle and Athletic Director Ed Hegmann—passed the pictures on to Chirico on September 27.

"It sure does look like hazing on the photos," Chirico said. "But I asked that Tuttle, Applebury and Hegmann take a look and let me know what they found because I want to give everyone due process."

Shoot also e-mailed *The Free Lance-Star*, who ran a front-page story about the pictures last week. In addition, Fox Channel 9 came to campus to interview students after hearing of the news.

The NCAA has not gotten involved with the case to date, which will remain under Chirico's jurisdiction. A decision could be made as early as the end of the week from Chirico, who will determine whether or not the team will be sanctioned. He is still waiting to speak with additional players.

"This is ongoing," he said. "It takes awhile to get through everything. This isn't to do with the NCAA. I believe that their parameters when it comes to hazing are very limited. They don't get very involved I don't think. This would be based on our policies and bylaws. I think that we probably have a stronger statement in our handbook but if you're going to have a strong statement you need to make sure that the students have been heard. And see if what is being depicted fits accurately."

The University of Mary Washington defines hazing as "any physical or mental interference, request, or obligation that could cause inconvenience, discomfort, pain, fright, embarrassment, disgrace, or injury; that is personally degrading; or that violates any federal,



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Unidentified members of the 2004-2005 women's basketball team take part in what appear to be hazing activities, according to UMW administrators. The pictures were originally discovered after they were posted on webshots.com.

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According to Chirico, the task is determining whether the activities in the pictures fit under UMW's definition of hazing.

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One of the factors in consideration is whether the athletes in question thought their actions fell under the definition of hazing.

"They agreed that the things you saw in the photos went on, but as far as whether it was actually hazing based on what they know about hazing, they weren't sure," he said.

Although Chirico said this is the first hazing incident he has come across while at UMW, Hegmann discussed the topic frequently with athletes and coaches.

"They've been getting this message for a long time, long before this ever came out," Chirico said. "In fact, there was a real recent, probably within the last two weeks, reiteration by Hegmann about making sure that what we don't ask athletes to do things that are coercing people, and that was before this issue popped up. They're very tuned into it. In fact the athlete her/himself ends up signing a page about hazing. Hegmann's real strong about this issue."

In light of the investigation, many teams are taking extra precautions to avoid hazing accusations, a development Chirico is pleased with.

"I don't think that's a bad idea because you've got to set the example somewhere and if you set the example at the very top with the coaches then the trickle down effect is one of 'we can't be singling people out,'" he said.

According to senior baseball player Tom McDermott, in the past freshmen on his team have been responsible for tasks upperclassmen did not have to perform.

"[They were in charge of] picking up the balls in the cage after batting practice, carrying equipment to buses for away games, sweeping dugouts, just little maintenance things on the field," he said.

McDermott believes these practices will be done away with as a result of the current hazing allegations.

"I personally don't consider that hazing at all, but if it is considered hazing by the NCAA, which I believe it is, then yes, I think the current freshman will be exempt from many of the unpleasant tasks we had to do as freshman because of the strict rules of the NCAA," he said.

For other athletes like sophomore volleyball player Lizzie Robey, the notion of seniority was never an issue.

"Our team does pretty much everything equally considering we are a very young team with only one senior," she said.

Robey also acknowledged that hazing can take on a variety of forms.

"Hazing is something I think has varying degrees of seriousness," she said. "Personally, I feel that having freshmen carry water bottles or set up equipment is not as big of a deal as having them eat or drink unsanitary things. Regardless, hazing is hazing and so I see where the NCAA is trying to eliminate all forms because they can't say this is hazing but this isn't. It would be too controversial."

UMW's investigation marks the second time in recent months that a Capital Athletic Conference team has been accused of hazing.

The Catholic University women's lacrosse team forfeited three games and was placed on probationary status for the 2006-2007 school year after pictures were posted online last spring depicting a freshman initiation party.

Despite several hazing stories that have made recent news, McDermott has mixed views on the subject.

"I don't think I would call it commonplace, but I think several college teams have some sort of initiation process which are in no way harmful to those being initiated," he said. "However, certain teams have crossed that line in the past and that is the reason the NCAA has become so strict with their no tolerance policy."

Robey agreed. "I think that in larger schools, hazing is much more prevalent though it is hard to say because the only hazing activities that are actually heard about are those which have resulted in serious injury or death," she said.

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sanctioned, consequences could range from one to multiple-game suspensions, as well as educational programs about hazing. However, graduates will not be sanctioned.

Dated April 2, 2005, the pictures include several students currently on the women's basketball roster who were not identified.

Chirico has spoken to multiple players but has no plans to contact graduates at this time.

"The students that I've spoken to at this point have been very forthcoming," he said. "They told

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7 - Women's soccer vs. Salisbury, 1 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Salisbury, 3 p.m.

Oct. 8 - Field hockey vs. Washington & Lee, 3 p.m.

Oct. 10 - Men's soccer vs. Hood, 4 p.m.



Courtesy Clint Offen

Athlete of the Week

Sophomore John James won the singles flight final at the Wilson/ITA Regional Championships in Salisbury, Md. last weekend.